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In the Claims:

14. The illumination device of claim 3 wherein the light emitting diodes have housings arranged in ~~an~~ inverted positions with respect to said light receiving surface.

23. The illumination device of claim 2 including a light transmitting spacer member positioned between said light source and said light receiving surface and in ~~an~~ a substantially abutting relationship with said light source.

25. An illumination device for simulating neon lighting, comprising:
a light transmitting member of a predetermined length having a substantially curved front surface and a light receiving lateral surface, said member being comprised of a material that has both optical waveguide and light scattering properties that preferentially scatters light entering said light receiving surface into an elongated light intensity pattern on said light emitting surface with a major axis extending along said predetermined length;

a housing having spaced side walls abutting said light receiving lateral surface and defining a volume extending along said predetermined length of said light transmitting member, said side walls having light reflecting interior surfaces and a light absorbing exterior surfaces; and

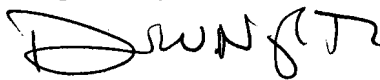
a multiplicity of spaced point light sources housed within said volume and extending along said predetermined length, said spaced point light sources positioned a distance from said curved front surface sufficient to allow a light intensity pattern from each of said point light sources to overlap neighboring light intensity patterns so that the light intensity pattern collectively emitted from said front surface appears uniform.

32. The illumination device of claim 28 in which said LEDs are flashed in successive groups along the length of ~~the~~ a first string thereby simulating movement.

33. The illumination device of claim 30 in which said LEDs of said first string are alternatively positioned along the length of said housing with said LEDs of ~~said~~ a second string.

35. The illumination device of claim 31 in which said LEDs of ~~said~~ a first string emit a different color of light from the LEDs of said second string.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

~~In the Claims:~~

- In column 11, ~~claim 14~~, line 19, delete "an" between "in" and "inverted".
- In column 11, ~~claim 23~~, line 48, replace "an" with "a".
- In column 12, ~~claim 25~~, line 11, delete the word "a" so line reads "interior surfaces and light absorbing exterior surfaces".
- In column 12, ~~claim 32~~, line 42, replace "the" with "a".
- In column 12, ~~claim 33~~, line 45, replace "of said second" with "of a second".
- In column 12, ~~claim 35~~, line 53, replace "of said first" with "of a first".

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